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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

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Group: 2622

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**REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.114
ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION (RCE)**

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Sir:

This Reply is being timely filed in response to the Final Office Action dated December 24, 2008. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed concurrently herewith.

Please amend the application without prejudice or disclaimer as follows: